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Through the Many Facets of Aerospace Medicine

Brooks receives rebate

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

Getting money back in a new car deal is one thing, but receiving a partial refund from a charity is certainly rare indeed. That is exactly what happened on June 15 when Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Air Force Material Command vice commander, presented a 'rebate' check to the 311th Human Systems Wing on behalf of the Air Force Aid Society, Inc.

Col. Tom Travis, 311th HSW commander, accepted the \$2,500 check made out to the Brooks Family Support Center Booster Club. The base's 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund contribution was nearly double the amount raised for the Air Force's official charity more than a decade ago when the workforce here was much larger.

"Your AFAP campaign was over the top. That's absolutely extraordinary," said General Reynolds, who enthusiastically praised the Brooks community's generosity in over-exceeding its contribution goal.

In a June 7 letter to the men and women of Brooks City-Base, retired Lt. Gen. Micheal McGinty, AFAS Chief Executive Officer, wrote:

"The Air Force Assistance Fund drive was recently completed and your base achieved outstanding results - \$45,556 raised (195 percent of goal) with an overall 66 percent participation rate. This is the most money donated by Brooks in at least the last 14 years."

General McGinty said the Brooks community's AFAP support is a significant accomplishment because this base was one of only eight out of 81 bases that surpassed their dollar goal and achieved greater than 50 percent participation. "Your efforts helped make the overall 2004 AFAP drive the best fund drive since 1990, raising over \$6.7 million. This is even more impressive when you consider the force was twice as big in 1990 as it is today," General McGinty said.

The AFAP provides money to Air Force families needing assistance. AFAP affiliates include the Air Force Aid Society, The Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Foundation and the LeMay Foundation. Last year, AFAS provided \$62,686 in assistance to Brooks community members.

"This has never happened before. It's a big boost," said Lucy Belles, Brooks Family Support Center director, referring to the rebate. She said



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Air Force Material Command vice commander, right, presents Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander, a check for \$2,500 on behalf of the Air Force Aid Society.

the money will be used to fund several yearly activities, including the FSC-hosted deployment picnic scheduled for July 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 537.

Brooks' BXMarket to close

The Brooks BXMarket, located in Bldg. 661, will close July 30, according to Army and Air Force Exchange System officials.

"If I had my way, the BXMarket would stay open," said Col. Tom Travis, 311th Human Systems Wing commander. "But we have no con-

trol over this, and the lack of customers has driven this business decision. AAFES has made it clear that they are sensitive to the needs of our walking student population, and I am confident the expanded shoppette will support their needs, as well as others on base who take advantage of the convenient colocation with the gas station. While I still regret this closure, I believe the impact will be minimal."

The Brooks BXMarket opened in 2002 and hasn't shown a profit in either year of its existence.

However, steps are being taken to retain many of the BXMarket services. The barber shop, laundry and dry cleaners will be relocated to Sidney's, Bldg. 714.

"The biggest changes will happen in the base service station," said Marc Floyd, acting general manager for the Lackland, Brooks and Randolph exchanges. "We're completely renovating the two work bays and converting them into store shelves, increasing the service sta-

tion in size by about 300 square feet."

That additional space will house nearly 3,000 articles currently available in the BXMarket, including stationery, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, tobacco items, frozen foods, snack foods and convenience items. New coolers and refrigerators will be added for an increased stock of beverages. And, of course, the service station will remain open for the purchase of gasoline and auto supplies.

"We remind Brooks residents that there are great exchange and commissary facilities on Lackland, Randolph and at Fort Sam Houston, all within 20 minutes of Brooks," said Mr. Floyd. "We urge them to take advantage of the large amount of stock available and the low, tax-free prices."

"It's also important to note that there will be no break in service," he said. "Customers will still be able to shop, just at a different location, still on base."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alfonso Ramirez Jr.

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Col. James Swaby has been leading the 2nd Preventive Medicine Team overseas. He will return home to Brooks soon.

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The annual Brooks picnic summer bash, "Bringing Families Together," was held June 18.

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Commentary

Utility uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be on line July 1.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

"Color continues to be a big concern of Airmen," she said.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in July, around the same date the new Internet survey goes online.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close.

"If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks so much better in person,'" she said.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark

blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25. Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

Although personal preference is the rule for PT shoes, Sergeant Dean said they must be conservative in design and color. Saluting will not be required while wearing the PT uniform, and jewelry wear will be the same as with other uniforms, so long as safety is taken into consideration.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegy

Lieutenant Gen. Richard "Tex" Brown III left, talks with his acting executive officer, Lt. Col. Kathy Hithe, in his Pentagon office March 26. General Brown is wearing the Air Force's proposed tiger-stripe utility uniform that is currently in its wear-testing phase. He is the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

Have commentary you'd like the rest of the base to see? Then submit it to:
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Airmen keep deployed soldiers healthy

By Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Being responsible for the healthy living environment of 60,000 Soldiers at eight different camps is no small job, but that is exactly what Airmen of the 2nd Preventive Medicine Team Air Force have been doing since mid-March.

This team of nine enlisted and two officers has conducted more than 2,000 inspections, providing a full spectrum of preventive-medicine support ranging from base camp and health-risk assessments to occupational- and environmental-health surveillance.

One of the team's major responsibilities is testing the water for contaminants, said Col. James Swaby, the team's commander.

"With the extreme weather conditions we have seen, these Soldiers could be drinking up to (3 gallons) of water a day," he said. "During our three-month deployment here, we have ensured the safe usability of more than 53 million gallons of water."

Besides the heat, the Airmen have prevailed through many challenges including losing a water system and a sewer line breakdown that threatened a dining facility.

Yet through it all, under the Airmen's watch, there were no major food, water or insect-born disease outbreaks in any of the eight camps.

"When we first arrived here, there were these warehouses housing 1,700 Soldiers in each of them," Colonel Swaby said. "We quickly realized the importance of our team to these Soldiers, and the potential for disease if we weren't thorough in our work."

The team comprises technicians from five career fields including bioenvironmental engineering, public health and pest management. The amount of work they did helped them learn each others jobs to complete the tasks.

"There was so much work [that] we had to pull together as a team, each of us learning how to do inspections not associated with our individual career fields," said Staff Sgt. Sean Hasty, a preventive medicine technician. "For example, our bioenvironmental technicians learned how to conduct public-health inspections and vice versa."

The Airmen said their unique assignment had them travel to a host nation naval base to collect water samples from U.S. Army ships before they left port.

"I knew I was deploying to a unique environment, as an Airman working with the Army, but before I left I ...



Courtesy photo

Col. James Swaby, 2nd Preventive Medicine Team commander, holds up a large lizard the locals call a "Dub Dub." They have a nasty bite and their tails are equipped with spikes. Col. Swaby has been TDY in the middle-east for three months and will soon be returning to his job at the Air Force Institute of Operational Health at Brooks.

never pictured myself collecting water samples, let alone on an Army ship," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Pacheco, a pest-management technician. "I didn't even know the Army had ships."

"Our team has come together to get the job done by keeping the environ-

ment healthy and these Soldiers fit to fight," Colonel Swaby said. "The reality is there's nothing we've been asked to do that we haven't been trained to do; it's just that we are doing it under a new set of rules in a unique environment. We were sent here to protect the troops, and we did."



Air Force Mentor Protégé program on display at Pentagon

By Steve VanWert
Discovery staff writer

Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter Teets cut a blue ribbon June 1, signifying the official opening of the Air Force Mentor Protégé Program display in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

The Air Force Small Business Office, located at Brooks, with the assistance of participating contractors, conceived the display.

“The display is all about educating the public about the accomplishments of the Air Force Mentor Program,” said Eileen King, Air Force Mentor Protégé Program Manager, “It shows graphically how the program supports the warfighter while increasing the Air Force–industrial base.”

Secretary Teets and Hector Barreto, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, provided brief comments regarding program merits and the benefit to the small business industrial base.

Ms. King briefly discussed the Air Force program after the ribbon cutting took place. In addition, protégés from each of the five Mentor-Protégé teams described their displayed item and how the Air Force Mentor Protégé Program has strengthened their small, disadvantaged companies.

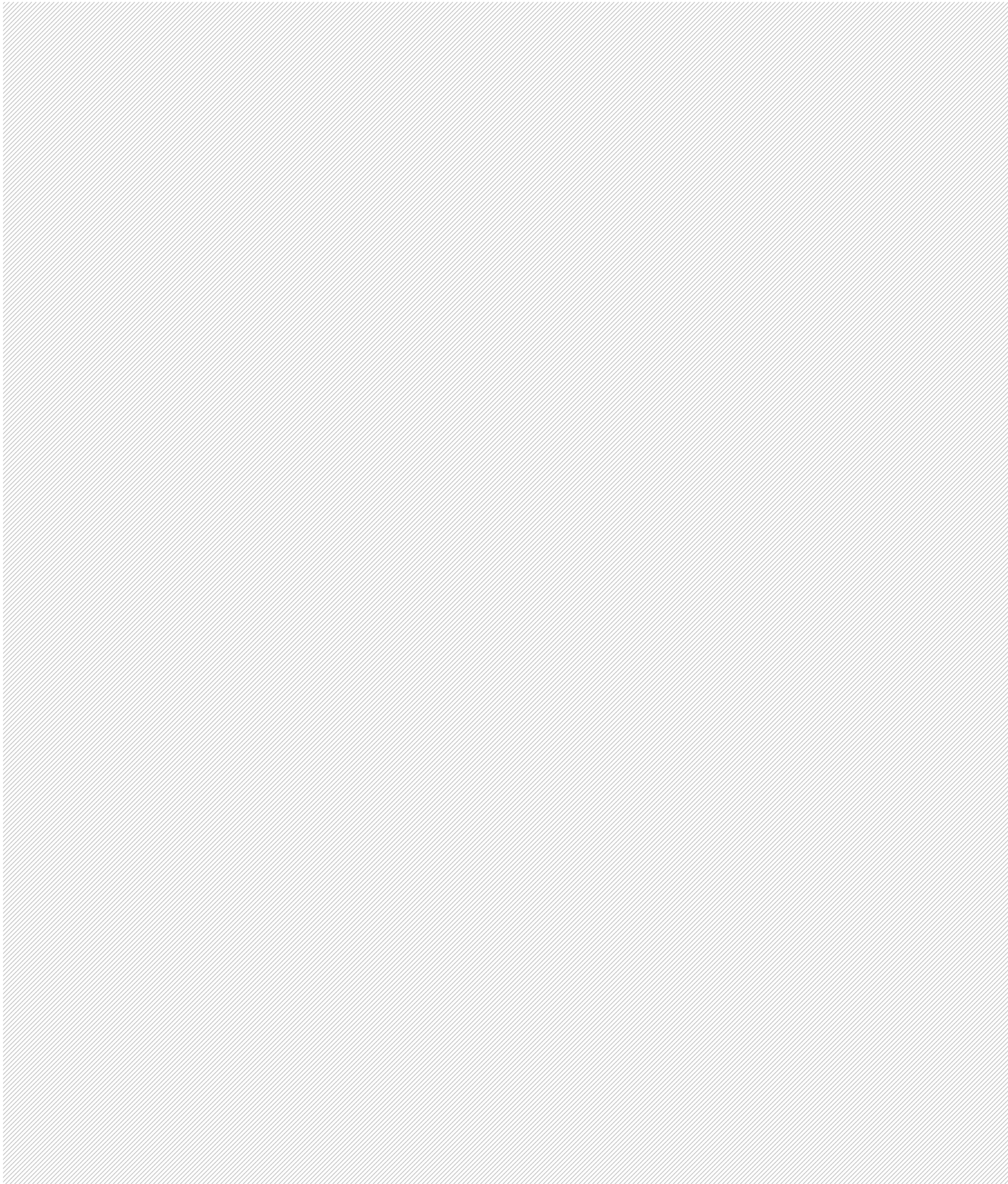
Among the other military and civilian attendees were Frank Ramos, DoD SADBUDirector; Victor Ciardello, DoD Mentor-Protégé Program Manager; Joseph Diamond, Air Force SADBUDirector; Matthew Benavides, Air Force SADBUDeputy Director; Mary Urey, 311th Human Systems Wing Small Business Office director; and Carol Singleton, Secretary of the Air Force winner of the “Outstanding Contribution to the SB program by a Contracting Individual” award.

The Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program was created to provide incentives to Department of the Defense contractors, known as mentors, to assist small, disadvantaged businesses, known as protégés, in developing relevant capabilities to compete for DoD contracts. The Air Force program, administered at Brooks, is part of the DoD program. The end results of the program are mission-related agreements providing relevant developmental assistance, better prices and reduced acquisition lead times. Special emphasis is placed on participation by historically Black colleges and universities and minority-owned institutions.



Courtesy Photo

From left, Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter Teets, Air Force Mentor-Protégé Program Manager Eileen King, Small Business Administration Administrator Hector Barreto, Air Force Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office Director Joseph Diamond at the Air Force Mentor-Protégé Pentagon display unveiling.





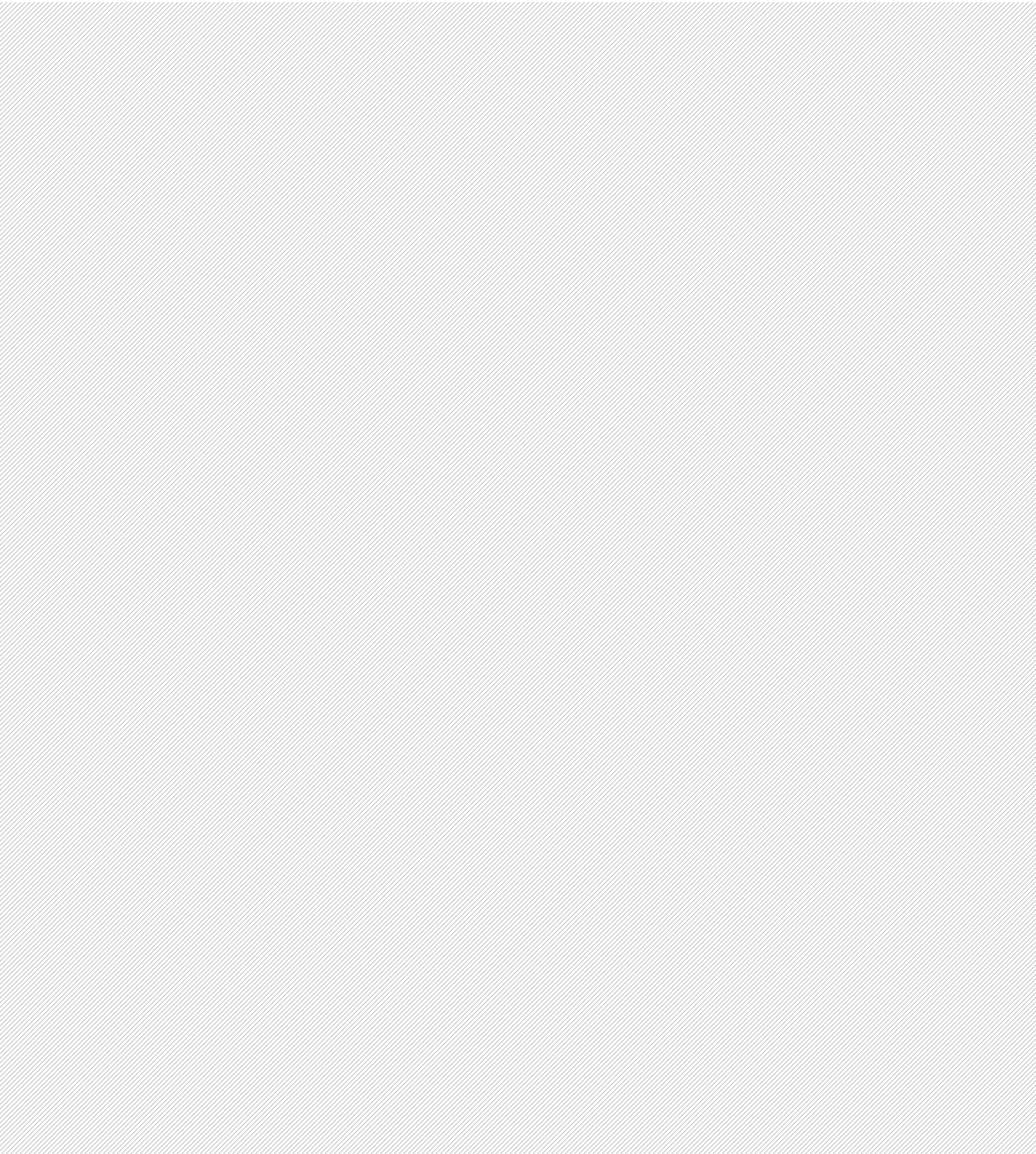
By Law designation may miss intended beneficiaries

By Capt. Micheal Felsen
311th Human Systems Wing/JA

If you have designated your Servicemember's Group Life Insurance benefits to be distributed "By Law," do you know who would receive the insurance proceeds upon your death? Chances are you don't. Most service members understand the value of being able to leave up to \$250,000 to their loved ones via their SGLI benefit. Many, however, unknowingly put at risk their intended beneficiaries' ability to collect payment from the policy. By writing "By Law" as the policy's beneficiary, you give up (or "forfeit") control of the distribution of the proceeds

and open the door to claims, disputes and potentially lengthy litigation by third parties claiming to be beneficiaries under the "By Law" distribution scheme. When you use a "By Law" beneficiary designation on your SGLI policy, a court may end up interpreting the distribution of your benefit using definitions from the SGLI statute and state laws. As these laws vary from state to state, the legal definition of terms like "spouse", "child", "parent", and "next of kin" may not be the same as you intend. For instance, the term "parent" generally does not include foster parents or stepparents. An actual case of a member who died on active duty with "By Law" as the beneficiary designation for SGLI illustrates this point. For his entire military career, the member had sent monthly allotments to the foster parents who raised him. Yet on his death, his SGLI proceeds went not to the "parents" he in-

tended but to the drug-addicted natural mother who had abandoned him as a child. Without a specific indication of who you intend to be your beneficiary, no one can confidently predict how a "By Law" designation will be distributed. Don't leave the distribution of this valuable benefit to chance. Take a few minutes to specifically name your intended beneficiaries of your SGLI policy. Review the beneficiaries you have listed regularly — when you PCS, prepare to deploy, or whenever circumstances affecting your family arise, such as a birth, death, marriage, divorce or separation. This responsible approach best ensures the proceeds from your SGLI policy are distributed in a timely manner only to those who you wish to receive payment. If you have any questions pertaining to your SGLI benefits, visit your MPF or a legal assistance attorney.





ACTION LINE

536-2222



The **COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE** is your opportunity to make Brooks a better place to live, work and play.

If you have a suggestion for improvement, a complaint or a problem that you have not been able to resolve through normal complaint channels or the chain of command, call the **COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE, 536-2222**.

Only items of general interest will be published, so please leave your name and number for a personal response.

The base agencies listed below can be contacted directly:

Col. Tom Travis
311th Human Systems
Wing commander

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Brooks Family Support Center activities

Call 536-2444 for information

Deployment recognition picnic

July 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bldg. 537

Military members and civilians who have been deployed within the past year, or about to be deployed, and their families are invited to come gather at the Family Support Center and enjoy a picnic lunch. Honored guests will be served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and plenty of goodies. RSVP no later than July 6 by calling the Family Support Center at 536-2444.

Single Parents Group

3rd Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Chapel Annex

Stop by and join us for a free lunch. Meet other single parents for open discussions or outings, a great moral booster. The Chapel, Life Skills Support Center and the Family

Support Center are sponsoring this class. Point of contacts are LaWanda Roper, 536-2444 and Sandra Cervantes, 536-5301. To register, contact the Family Support Center at 536-2444.

Separation and Retirement

July 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 537

This is a mandatory class for active military personnel who are retiring or separating within 120 days. Topics covered are Pre-Separation, Veterans Benefits, Survivors Benefit Plans, TRICARE, and Financial Planning for Transition. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Smooth move

August 3, 12:30 - 3:15 p.m., Bldg. 537

PCSing? Hear briefings from the Traffic Management Office, legal, the clinic, finance, housing and the Family Support Center and ask your questions. The seminar is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians and spouses.

PCS overseas

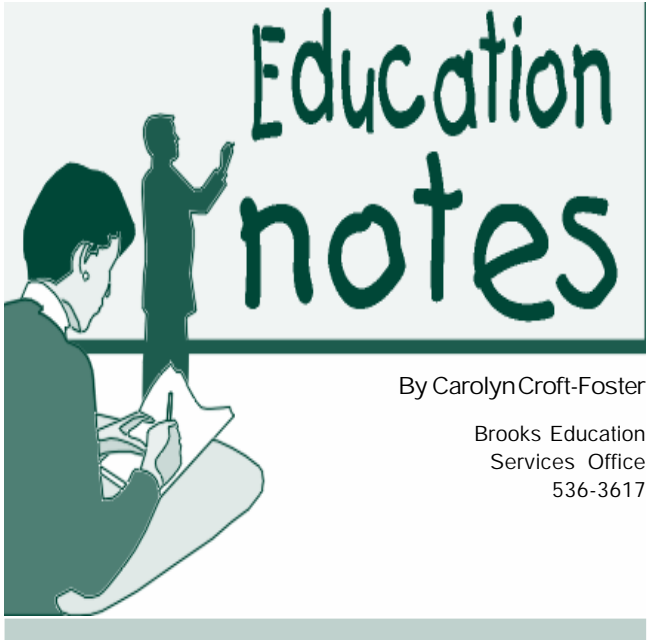
August 3, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Bldg. 537

Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges. Learn more about your OCONUS PCS by attending the Smooth Move seminar and staying after for this class.

VA benefits assistance

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 537

Schedule an appointment to receive VA assistance in filling out your claims, screen medical records or one-on-one consultations. Bring a copy of your medical records.



By Carolyn Croft-Foster

Brooks Education
Services Office
536-3617

AWC nonresident seminar

Recruiting for the academic year 2005 Air War College Nonresident Seminar Program is underway. Seminar meetings will be held weekly starting in early August and run until mid-June 2005. The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel-selects (or their equivalents) of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees, GS/GM-13 or above. At least eight people are required to form a seminar. Students with term credit from other editions may also enroll and should check with an AWC faculty advisor for details.

For those students who cannot take advantage of the seminar program, the correspondence program is also available for immediate enrollment. Correspondence students have six months to complete each term in the three-term core program with the required elective completed sometime during this 18-month period.

Applications are available at <<http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm>>. Please bring a copy of the completed application to Education Services located in Bldg. 558 so we are aware you intend to participate. Call 536-3618 for more information.

ACSC nonresident seminar

The Education and Training Center is now seeking eligible candidates major, major-selects, GS-11

and above for the ACSC Nonresident Seminar Program. Nonresident seminars meet for 11 months each week from August until June 2005. The course grants Phase 1 Joint PME credit, Intermediate Service School credit, up to 27 semester hours of graduate course work, and Reserve Points as determined by AFPC. Seminars need eight enrollments per site. To register, please visit Education Services in Bldg. 558 to complete an ACSC application or call 536-3618 for more information.

CLEP eCBT paper-based testing on base

CLEP General and a limited number of CLEP Subject exams have returned to the DANTES Test Centers. These exams include the following 14 titles: General English, Social Sciences and History, Natural Sciences, Humanities, College Mathematics, Analyzing & Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Freshman College Composition, History of the U.S. I, History of the U.S. II, Information Systems and Computer Applications, Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology, and Principles of Management. All examinees must wait 180 days to retest on exams previously administered.

Unfunded civilians enrolled in on-base education programs are authorized space-available testing at a DANTES Test Center, however, testing opportunities are limited. The fee has been increased to \$120 at DANTES Testing Centers for unfunded civilians. There are no authorized administrations of DANTES-funded paper-based CLEP eCBT tests for Defense Acquisition Workforce University personnel. They must be referred to a National Test Center for DANTES-funded testing. CLEP eCBT funded testing of Reserve Components and Coast Guard spouses and civilians is no longer authorized at active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine DANTES Test Centers or at National Test Centers operating under an MOU with an active duty installation.

Upper Iowa on base and online

Register now for Upper Iowa University distance learning. The next online term runs July 8 – September 1. Students may register for correspondence courses at any time. Courses are available in Business, Public Administration, Criminal Justice and other majors. The Upper Iowa University office in the Brooks Education Center is open Monday through Friday. The coordinator also holds advising hours at Lackland Air Force Base on Thursdays. For

more information, visit the website at www.uiu.edu, stop by the Brooks office in Bldg. 558 or call 536-4033.

Webster University Fall 1, Fall 2 registration

Registration for Fall 1, August 16-October 15 and Fall 2, October 18-December 17, graduate-school programs begins on June 14. Classes meet one evening per week, Monday through Thursday, 6 to 10 p.m. The Saturday programs are: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Visit the Webster University office in Bldg. 558 or call 534-0757.

Air Force Virtual Education Center

The Virtual Education Center is now online. Service members can view information about Air Force Education Centers and Community College of the Air Force. CCAF Students can order CCAF transcripts from this site. There are also practice tests available for CLEP exams on this site. To access the AFVEC go to the following website and establish an account: <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil>. For more information call 536-3617.

Montgomery GI Bill participants can increase benefits

Active duty personnel, currently enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill, have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 GI Bill benefits by \$5400 for a maximum contribution of \$600. This payment increases the full-time monthly rate one dollar for every four dollars contributed. The minimum payment is \$20 per month. Contributions can be started and stopped at any time while the participant is on active duty. This is not a pay reduction; therefore, there is not a tax savings.

This benefit is only open to personnel who first entered active duty on or after July 1, 1985 and elected to participate in the MGIB. This MGIB feature is not open to Vietnam-Era, Chapter 30/34 or VEAP convertees. For more information, call 536-3618.

Discover program online

The Discover Program is a career exploration program for individuals searching for a new career. This program can be used by military, civilians and family members. For more information, call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment to review the website and get started.



NEWS briefs

Deployment Recognition Picnic

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Deployment Recognition Picnic on July 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 537, in honor of our military members and civilians who have been deployed within the past year and have given so much for so many. They will enjoy a picnic meal that includes hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and dessert.

Honored guests include:

- Families of military members or civilians who are currently deployed.
- Military members who are about to be deployed or who have been deployed within the past year and their families.
- Civilians who are about to be deployed or who have been deployed within the past year and their families.

The Family Support Center will be happy to answer any questions.

RSVP by July 6 by calling the Family Support Center at 536-2444 or toll free 877-747-5938.

Emergency medical action for base population

The 311th Medical Squadron is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Patients may call the clinic appointment line at 536-1847 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to schedule an appointment. Adults and children enrolled to the clinic may be seen for preventive services, male and female wellness exams and physicals, school physicals, routine appointments and acute injuries or illnesses. The 311 MDS no longer provides emergency medical services and does not have an ambulance to transport patients or an emergency room. Anyone on Brooks City-

Base who has a medical emergency should dial 911 to get local Emergency Medical Services assistance. Personnel on base with a serious medical emergency should not drive to the clinic for help but should call 911 so that they can receive immediate assistance at their location. Any base personnel encountering an individual who needs emergency medical assistance before, during or after duty hours, should call 911 for assistance and not move the affected individual. For more information or questions, contact the 311 MDS front desk at 536-1847.

Article 15s

During this calendar year, the following non-judicial punishment actions, Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, have been taken on Brooks City-Base:

— An airman from the Air Force Institute for Operational Health received 10 days extra duties, reduction to E-1 (suspended), a reprimand and forfeiture of \$100 for one month for failure to obey a lawful order and failure to go.

— An airman from AFIOH received 14 days extra duties, reduction to E-1 and a reprimand for failure to go.

— An airman 1st class from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine received a reprimand and forfeiture of \$328 for one month for dereliction of duty, and making a false official statement.

— An airman 1st class from USAFSAM received a reprimand and forfeiture of \$50 for one month for making a false official statement.

— An airman from USAFSAM received a reprimand and forfeiture of \$300 for one month for making a false official statement and obstructing justice.



NEWS briefs continued

— An airman from USAFSAM received a reprimand and forfeiture of \$100 for one month for making a false official statement.

— An airman 1st class from USAFSAM received 10 days extra duties, a reduction to E-2 (suspended), a reprimand, and forfeiture of \$200 for one month for willful dereliction of duty.

TRICARE's Pharmacy contract announced

In the continuing efforts to meet the pharmacy needs of beneficiaries, TRICARE has awarded Express Scripts Inc., the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy contract. Express Scripts will provide world-class, cost-effective patient care as manager of the retail pharmacy benefit. They will apply best management practices to improve and continue the delivery of pharmacy services, focusing on achieving the high-

est level of beneficiary satisfaction. The responsibility for delivery of retail pharmacy services by Express Scripts Inc. will begin nationwide June 1.

The new single contract will integrate all TRICARE regions to create one uniform benefit. This consolidation provides better service for beneficiaries in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The new retail pharmacy program will be fully portable, allowing beneficiaries access to network pharmacies while traveling outside of their region.

Retail pharmacies comprise one of three venues through which pharmacy services are available. Beneficiaries may also obtain prescription medications from their Military Treatment Facilities and the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy. Express Scripts, Inc. currently administers TMOP services. This new contract will not change the

pharmacy benefits you or your family members receive as TRICARE beneficiaries.

For more information, call the Express Scripts Call Center at 866-DOD-TRRX (866-363-8779), or visit the Express Scripts website at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE.

Officer promotion board announcement

Fiscal Year 2004 Major (LAF/JAG/ MSC/NC) Central Selection Boards are scheduled to convene on November 1 at Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center. Eligibility requirements can be found at the following web site, or by contacting your MPF, Career Enhancement Element, at DSN 240-3326 or 240-6978. <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/CY04Milestones.htm>

Category A Line Officer:

Junior officer IPZ eligible –
Capt. Paul Jeannel
Senior officer IPZ eligible –
Capt. Demetrius Stewart

Enlisted promotion ceremony

The monthly enlisted promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 30 at 3 p.m. at the Brooks Club. The ceremony recognizes enlisted promotions for the month of July. Contact Master Sgt. Michael Middleton at 536-6729 or Tech Sgt. Jim Crites at 536-8277 for more information.

Clinic hours

The Brooks clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to better accommodate patients. Call 536-1847 for an appointment or 536-2087 for more information.



Vacation Bible School

The Chapel is offering to host a Vacation Bible School from August 2-6. Current plans welcome students who will enter Kindergarten this fall up to students who will enter 5th grade. Volunteers are needed to conduct the school. Teachers and helpers need not be active in the chapel, but can be recommended by their area congregations. Persons who have taught the Lava Lava Island in their own congregations are especially welcomed, but other Christians who wish to join together and conduct the school at the chapel are asked to call Jo Ann Lujan at 679-0796 or 380-6462. With permission of their commander or supervisors, military members are eligible to receive Permissive TDY to support this chapel event for the base community.

Pre-registration begins any time, and official registration begins on July 6. Advance registration is essential and registration will be limited by the number of teachers and helpers who step forward in the coming weeks.

LifeBuilder's

The LifeBuilder's noon luncheon and program is on a summer recess until September 8.

Midweek Mass

A midweek mass is held only on Thursdays at the Brooks Chapel at 11:30 a.m. A Eucharistic service is held Monday through Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament Room. Mass is also held each days of obligation. Mass is open for the entire base Roman Catholic community.

Religious classes on summer recess

The Catholic and Protestant Religious Education and Sunday School classes will resume after a summer break. A Vacation Bible School will be held August 2-6. The 10:30 a.m. congregation has a weekly children's sermon and children's ministry.

Chapel Scedule

Weekdays: 11:30 a.m. — Thursday Mass Mon. - Wed. Eucharist	Sundays: 9 a.m. — Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m. — Interdenominational worship, includes children's church 6 p.m. — Praise and Worship service followed by a meal
Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.—Protestant choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. — Catholic choir rehearsal	

Attention all Brooks City-Base Employees

Mr. Kevin Broussard, 311th Human Systems Wing/CCD, has been appointed as the Brooks City-Base Alternate Dispute Resolution Champion. As the ADR Champion, Mr. Broussard will assist the Commander in setting ADR policies and promote the ADR Program among all Federal organizations within Brooks City-Base. He will mediate and/or coordinate the mediations session at Brooks, and will be working with the Major Command ADR Champion, Brooks' Civilian Personnel Flight and Staff Judge Advocate, EEO, and the Union. Mr. Broussard will manage and administer the ADR Program. You can contact Mr. Broussard at 536-3702.



Brooks picnic bash a summer smash

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

By the looks of sweaty-faced children self-propelled on a new G-force ride or the milling throngs of adults clamoring for suds, shade and savory turkey legs, this year's annual base

summer picnic bash held June 18 could be considered a rousing smash.

With the Air Force's elite entertainment group Tops In Blue heading an impressive list of musical performing groups, the 39th annual affair hosted by 311th Services truly fulfilled the event's 2004 theme "Bringing Families and Community Together."

"This is the second year we've held the picnic as a City-Base," said Tech. Sgt. Alphonso Smith, picnic project coordinator. By his estimate, the affair attracted a crowd of about 700 people. They flocked to the 26 activity booths to sample food, beverages and to enjoy the variety of games designed for children. There were pony rides, a petting zoo and even a miniature train ride for children who were also entertained by Goldie the Clown, Hula dancers and the Brooks Youth cheerleaders. Adult venues included a Buffalo Soldiers' historic encampment and a car show featuring 11 classic Thunderbirds.

"This is not just a picnic," said Sergeant Smith, who spent months planning the event along with veteran picnic bash planner Jan McMahon, Services' marketing publicist. Besides the usual picnic fare, this affair had things not usually associated with a summer fling. From wedding planners and legal advisers to Air Force recruiters, this event had just about every-

thing except, perhaps, an invasion of ants.

"It gets better every year," said Sergeant Smith, who noted that the kiddie train, G-force ride and shuttle bus service from the Base Exchange to the picnic grounds were new features. "It has been a challenge. Sponsorships are the driving factor for having a successful event," he said. Twenty four organizations supported the picnic, with a half dozen businesses providing gift giveaways.

For McMahon, a veteran of 22 consecutive picnics, this year's event was held without incident. In past years, bad weather and some fair-weather 'friends' of the picnic crashed the party.

Referring to a previous picnic that featured a talent show, McMahon recalls, "We had this guy who couldn't sing and couldn't play the guitar. He kept saying 'I volunteered to sing for free.' He was awful, and we couldn't get him off the stage."



Photo by Senior Airman Samantha Shieh

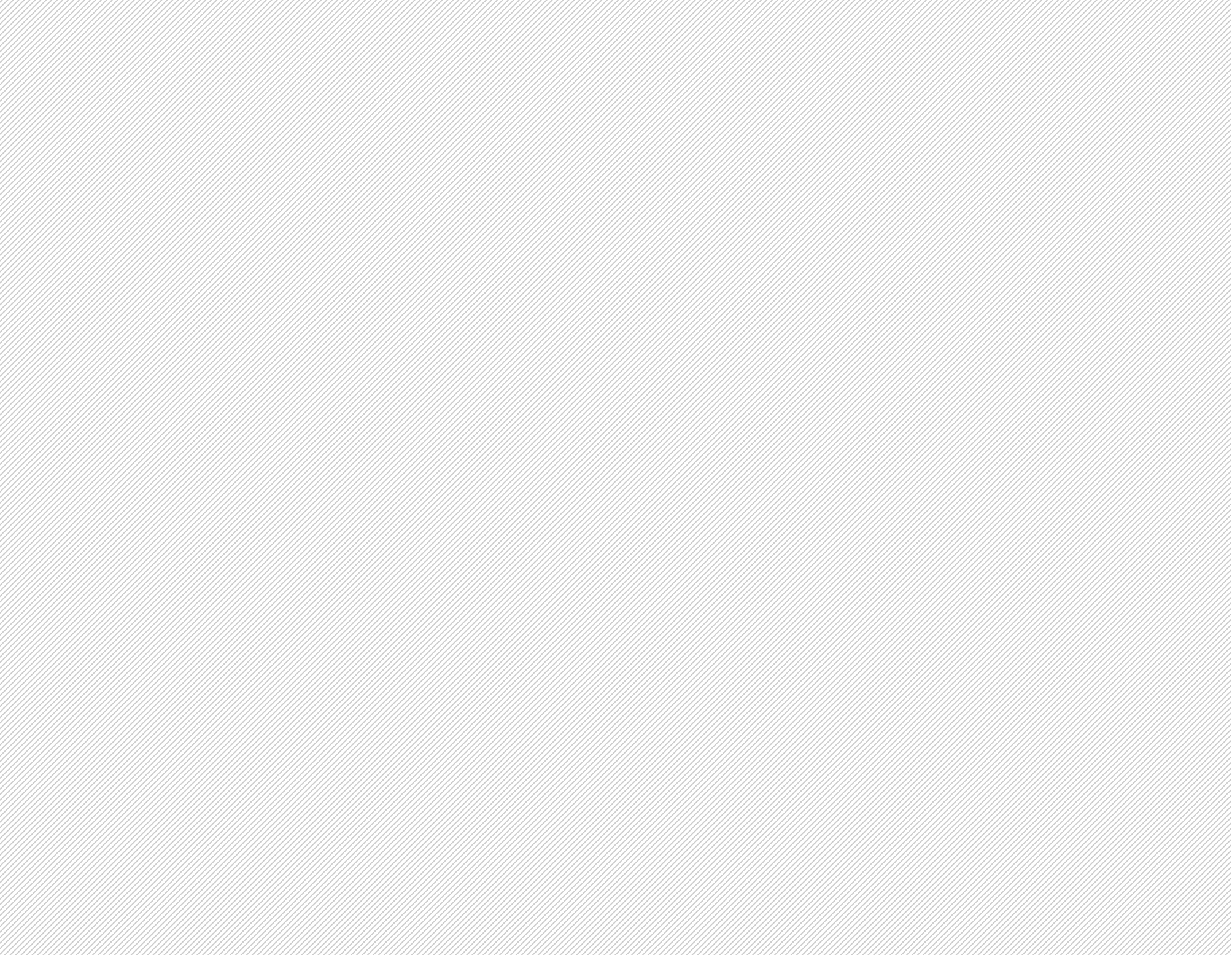
Brooks community enjoyed all the festivities of this year's annual base picnic, "Bringing Families Together." The summer bash included all sorts of food, entertainment and games for all ages, including this miniture train ride for children and their parents.

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Things to do around Brooks

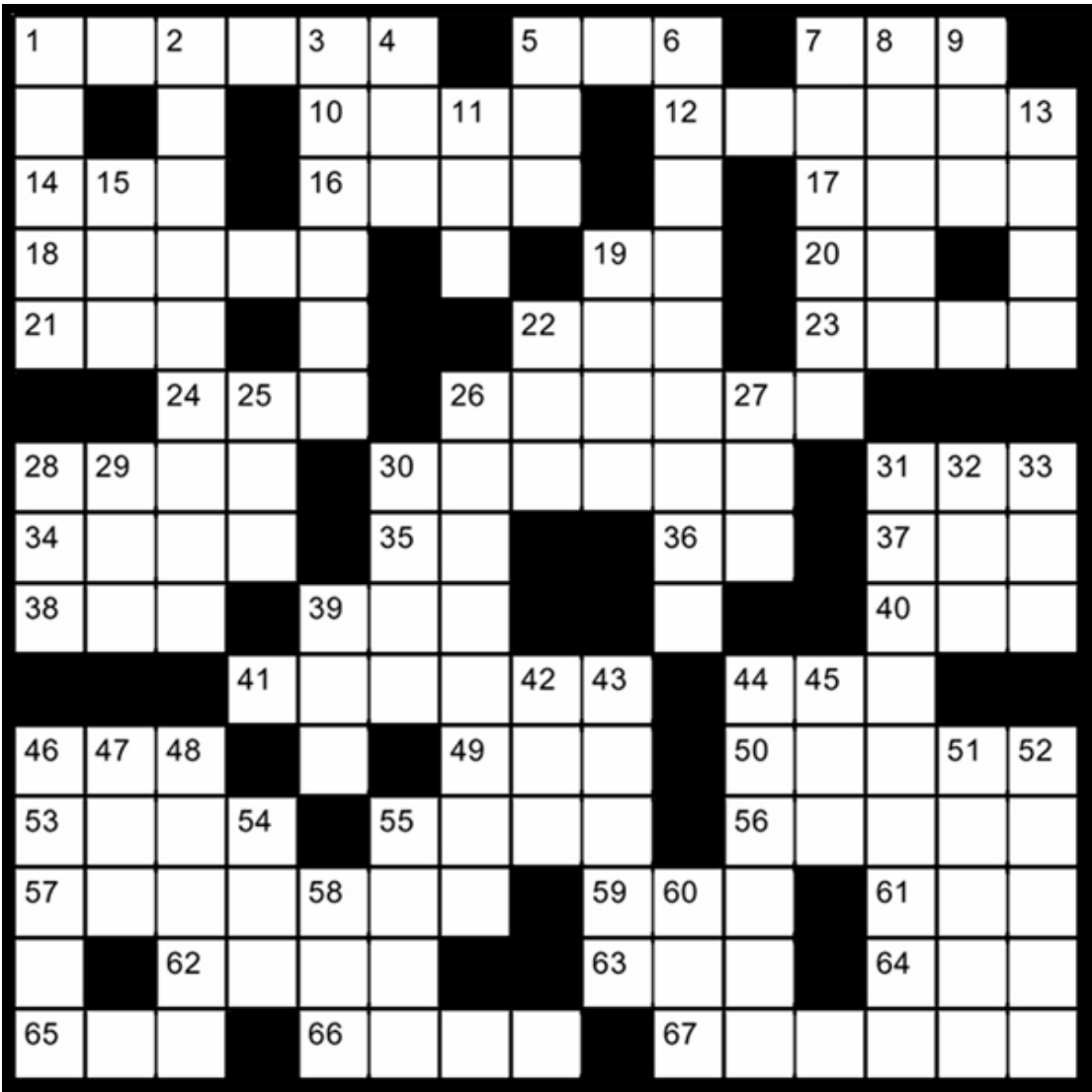
Jan McMahon
Brooks Services Marketing Office





Remembering the “Forgotten War”

By 1st. Lt Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs



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- ACROSS
1. Reservoir, site of fierce Korean War battle

5. Uncle ____; icon for 36 ACROSS

7. TV channel

10. Singer Jones

12. Skillful

14. Scamp

16. Team of mechanics or technicians

17. Render ____ Caesar

18. DPRK; ____ Korea

19. Tail markings for 149th FW aircraft

20. One's self

21. Honest person

22. Mongrel

23. Snakes

24. Male offspring

26. Imbecile

28. Singer Diana

30. Beat

31. Cooking spray

34. Mining goals

35. State home to 939th RQW

36. America, for short

37. Mil. overseas address

38. Singer Rock

39. Chinese communist leader Tse-tung

40. Formerly

41. USAF member

44. Tight spot

46. Observe

49. Actress Lupino

50. Spew

53. Tuscany river

55. Plant part

56. Peninsula linking SW Asia with NE Africa

57. Spots of a darker color

59. Tolkien character

61. Muppets creator Henson

62. Brief recording to show artist's abilities

63. Female deer

64. Rio de __, southern part of Western Sahara

65. Greek goddess of the dawn

66. Ambition
67. Earthquake
- DOWN
1. DPRK supporter in Korean War

2. Downtrodden

3. Site of 6 DOWN's landing to turn war

4. Neither's partner

5. Cutting tool

6. Top general at beginning of Korean War

7. U.S. president for most of Korean War

8. Ulna and femur

9. Rest on one's laurels

11. Sea between NE Africa and Arabian Peninsula

13. Throw

15. Horde

19. Used in cooking and for making tallow

22. Sob

25. CIA precursor

26. Operation for 6 DOWN's landing at 3 DOWN

27. Instant computer messages, in short

28. South Korea, informally

29. USAF inspection

30. Bellow

31. Site of Korean War armistice signing

32. Mock

33. A Stooge

39. "Alley" in Korean War air battles

42. Spring drink

43. Nominated

44. Comedian

45. Former White House spokesman

46. USAF frontline jet fighter in Korean War

47. Mistake

48. Writers Blyton and Bagnold

51. Declaration on post-WWII Korea

52. Island of southeast Indonesia

54. Single

55. North American plum tree

58. Established at 38th Parallel

60. No



Remembering the “Forgotten War”

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Health & fitness

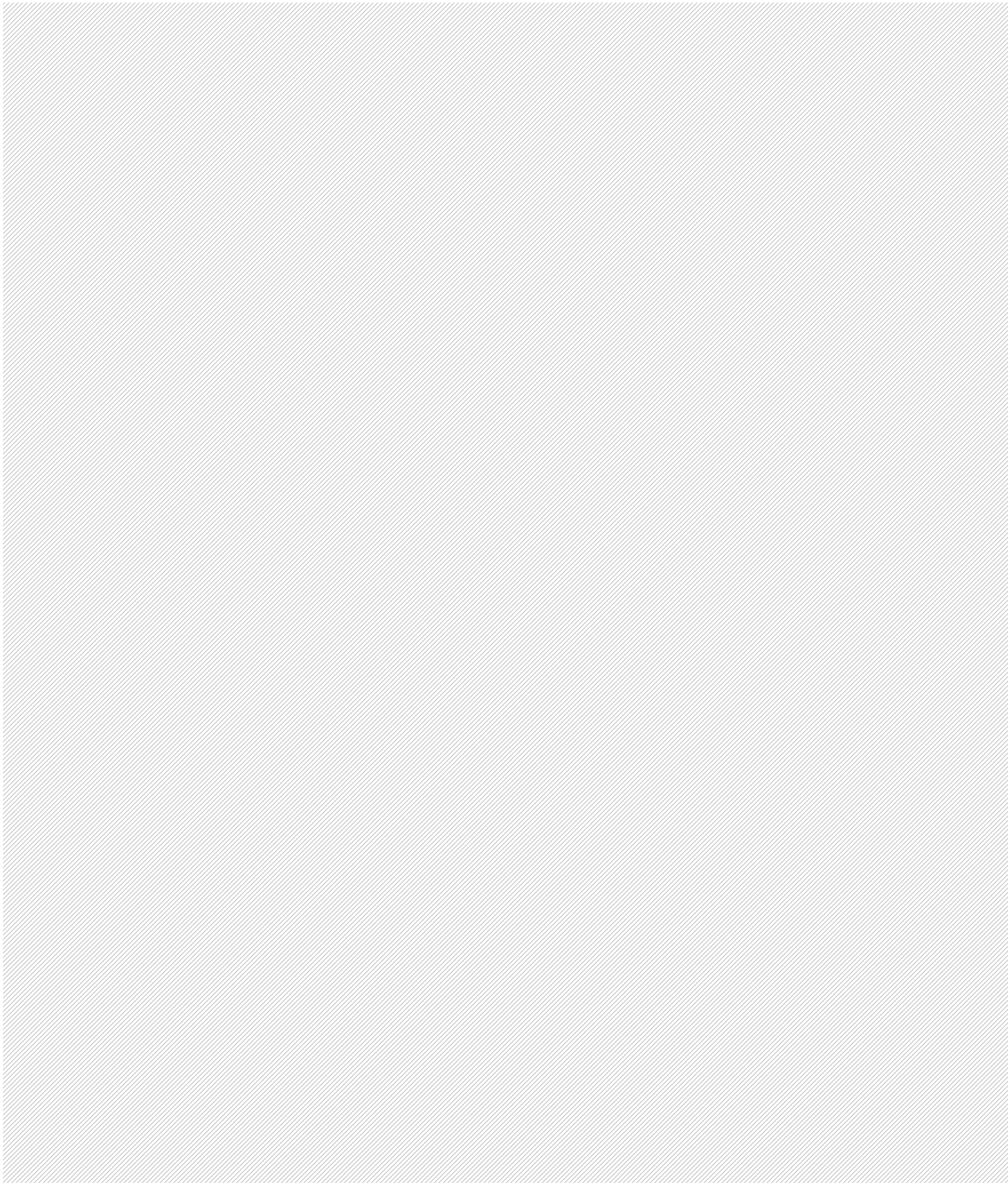
Commanders' Fitness Club

The Brooks Commanders' Fitness Club meets at the Health and Fitness Center every Wednesday at 7 a.m. for a run/walk. Military and civilian personnel are encouraged to participate. Participants receive a Commanders' Fitness Club T-shirt after participating four times. Additional prizes are offered for other sessions. Sign up at the Fitness Center or call 536-2188 for details.

Power Cycling

Power cycling is offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Classes are free but limited seating is available for the first 12 participants to sign up for each class. Participants must bring bottled water, a towel a “can-do” attitude to begin the ride of your life. Contact the Fitness Center at 536-2188 or stop by and talk to a staff member for more information.

Fitness is the key to health





Feature



The 'dis' is the thing



Photo by Senior Airman Samantha Shieh

By Steve VanWert
Discovery staff writer

"Dis" is a prefix, but to 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pellum, 311th Human Systems Wing, it's been a recurring word in the vocabulary of his life.

Lieutenant Pellum was born in Fresno, Calif., in 1973, but his family life was "dis"-rupted when they moved to Houston when he was 9 years old. There he and his brother and sister learned the definition of "dis"-advantaged.

"My mom was a single parent and raised the three of us without a lot of income," he said. "We didn't always have luxuries, but we always had the necessities, one of which is love and caring."

The lieutenant graduated from Klein Forest High School and headed to Monmouth College, Ill., on a scholarship and financial aid package through the college's disadvantaged student program. He had earned the scholarship by excelling in sports, citizenship and academics at high school.

But at the end of his second year at Monmouth, the college had to cut back on its scholarship programs, and he found himself, well, "dis"-affiliated. His brother and sister-in-law were living in Great Lakes, Ill., at the time and she was a petty officer third class in the U.S. Navy. "Dis"-courage with his present plans, he moved in with them for a while and found employment on the Navy base, working in the Great Lakes Lodge. After six months, he was successful and well liked at his job and his boss called him in to "dis"-cuss things. He was offered the opportunity to enter into management training, but the promotion wouldn't occur for six months or so, and he couldn't wait. The time was set for a life-changing decision.

"I really admired my sister-in-law for being a success in the Navy," he said. "And my day-to-day contact with Navy personnel impressed me, as well. They seemed to have confidence in themselves that I didn't have and pride in being in the military."

Lieutenant Pellum and his sister-in-law had a long talk, the gist of which was "reinvent yourself," "take a chance." So he did. He contacted a Navy recruiter three days later, and

enlisted. After completing basic training in the brutal winter of 1994, he realized, after learning the history and traditions of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Armed Forces, that he wanted and needed to serve his country. He had "dis"-covered his patriotism.

Lieutenant Pellum worked as a corpsman at such diverse spots as Great Lakes Naval Base, the Naval Hospital at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and the Bethesda Navy Hospital in Maryland. He attended physical therapy technician school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, returned to Camp Lejeune and then to the Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.

While at Bethesda, he agreed to go on a blind date arranged by a friend's girlfriend. His date was an English girl working in the United States as a nanny. They went to the Cheese-cake Factory for dinner.

"Neither my friend nor I had seen her," he said, "so it came as a shock when we were first introduced. She was beautiful. My friend and I both didn't know what to say to her."

He was "dis"-armed, to say the least.

But she wasn't, exactly.

"At first, she thought I was kind of a 'dork,' actually," he said. "I began our conversation with politics and found it was not really an area of interest for her. But I grew on her. After dating awhile, I told her, 'Just remember, you're going to marry me someday.' I kept telling her that until she finally believed me."

Though "dis"-similar in so many ways, they were married in August 1997 in the Bethesda chapel.

Soon he realized he wanted to be an officer. To do so, he had to finish the degree program that had been interrupted years before. After checking into various commissioning programs, he chose the Professional Officer Course - Early Release Program, an Air Force program that allowed him to attend college and receive his commission through Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

He was "dis"-charged from the Navy and went to Southern Illinois University, earned his bachelor's degree in health care management and another in economics. Commissioned in December 2003, he attended the Aerospace Basic Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and

was stationed at Brooks. His wife didn't waste the time they spent at Southern Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, as well.

At Brooks, he works in the 311th HSW Plans and Program Directorate, assisting the commander's staff with the collection and "dis"-semination of information vital to the wing mission. He enjoys the day-to-day challenge.

"I had the opportunity to select my career field, from a very short list" he said. "On the advice of my ROTC instructor, I chose acquisition. Although I'm not really working in that field right now, this is a great challenge to me every day. There's a lot of responsibility in being a program manager. I'm learning more every day. It takes 'dis'-cipline. I love the opportunity to learn. The people here are extremely helpful and knowledgeable."

First Lieutenant Antonio Silvera was one of the first people to lend a hand.

"He was instrumental in getting me set up and walked me through my first 30 days here," said Lieutenant Pellum. "Also Maj. Karen Agres and Dr. Rodger Vanderbeek have been great to me. The people I work with are extremely intelligent, sharp, witty and fun to be around. They all make me think."

Away from the office, the lieutenant is pursuing his master's degree from Webster University. He's also a marathon runner.

"One of the high points in my life was completing the Marine Corps Marathon," he said. "I'd love to do it again or compete in the Air Force Marathon in Ohio."

Otherwise, the lieutenant can be found in a diverse array of interests, from classical music to keeping track of his alma mater's basketball team success to playing the trombone, the tuba, the trumpet or French Horn. Future plans include retiring from the Air Force as a colonel, and entrepreneurship.

"I'm looking for ways to create something I can call my own," he said. "Maybe I'll get into real estate brokerage services or personal financial planning when I retire. I'd like to someday help set up a scholarship program for disadvantaged children that will motivate them to graduate from a major university."

No matter the direction, the "dis"-cipline he learned in the military will surely help him find "dis"-tinction in whatever he does.

Oh, and one more "dis" for good measure. Lieutenant Pellum finds himself on the pages of the "Dis" -covery. How "dis"-cerning.

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Pellum



FULL NAME:
2nd Lt. Jonathan Pellum

DUTY TITLE, ORGANIZATION:
Program Manager, Wing Plans and Programs, 311th Human Systems Wing

IN SIMPLE TERMS, WHAT I DO?:
I am an acquisition officer serving as an action officer to the wing in the plans and programs directorate. I assist the commander's staff with the collection and dissemination of information vital to the wings mission in line with the commander's intent.

BIRTHDAY:
Jan. 12, 1973

HOMETOWN:
I was born in Fresno, Calif., then my family relocated to Houston in the early 1980s.

FAMILY STATUS:
Married, no children, but we have a dog, "Brandy" and two birds, "Oscar" and "Princess"

PERSONAL MOTTO:
Just give it a try. Do your best. What is the worst thing that can happen?

PET PEEVES:
People who say or think they cannot do something, especially if they have not made an attempt.

INSPIRATIONS:
My faith, my mom and my family

HOBBIES:
Reading success stories, listening to classical music, novice computing, learning something new

BOOKS AT BEDSIDE:
"The Bible," "Awake the Giant Within" by Anthony Robbins, "Seabiscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand (Great film)

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:
To make captain and be accepted to a dual degree program for MBA/Law program at the University of Texas, the University of Virginia, or Georgetown University

FAVORITE MUSIC:
Classical music; however, two of my favorite pop culture groups are the Dave Matthews Band and Hootie and the Blowfish

I JOINED THE MILITARY BECAUSE:
I wanted to be part of something much bigger than myself. I had to leave college early due to financial limitations, and in my woe-is-me state, my sister in law, who was a Petty Officer Third Class, suggested I do something completely out of character ... reinvent myself. So, with that in mind I decided to join the U.S. Navy.



SPO engineer hunts for family link to sharpshooter Annie Oakley

By Rudy Purificato
311th Human Systems Wing

(Editor's note: This feature is the ninth in a continuing series showcasing members of the Brooks community who are related to famous people.)

Alan Washler has never had an interest in firearms or hunting. However, he has become a hunter of sorts during his quest to validate a family claim of kinship to sharpshooting legend Annie Oakley.

"It came up (in family conversations) that I was related to Annie Oakley. I've done some historical research, but no genealogical research (yet)," said Mr. Washler, chief engineer for the 311th Human Systems Program Office's Aircrew Protection Division.

The 58-year-old Union City, Ind. native believes the family connection to Oakley is through his maternal grandparents.

"My mother's parents were shopkeepers of a country store in Darke County, Ohio," he says of the area where the famed markswoman lived, adding, "Her last name was Moses. Oakley was a stage name." It is the Moses clan that is related to Washler's maternal grandparents. This family tie is connected to Oakley's mother Susan who was married twice after her husband Jacob died from pneumonia in 1866.

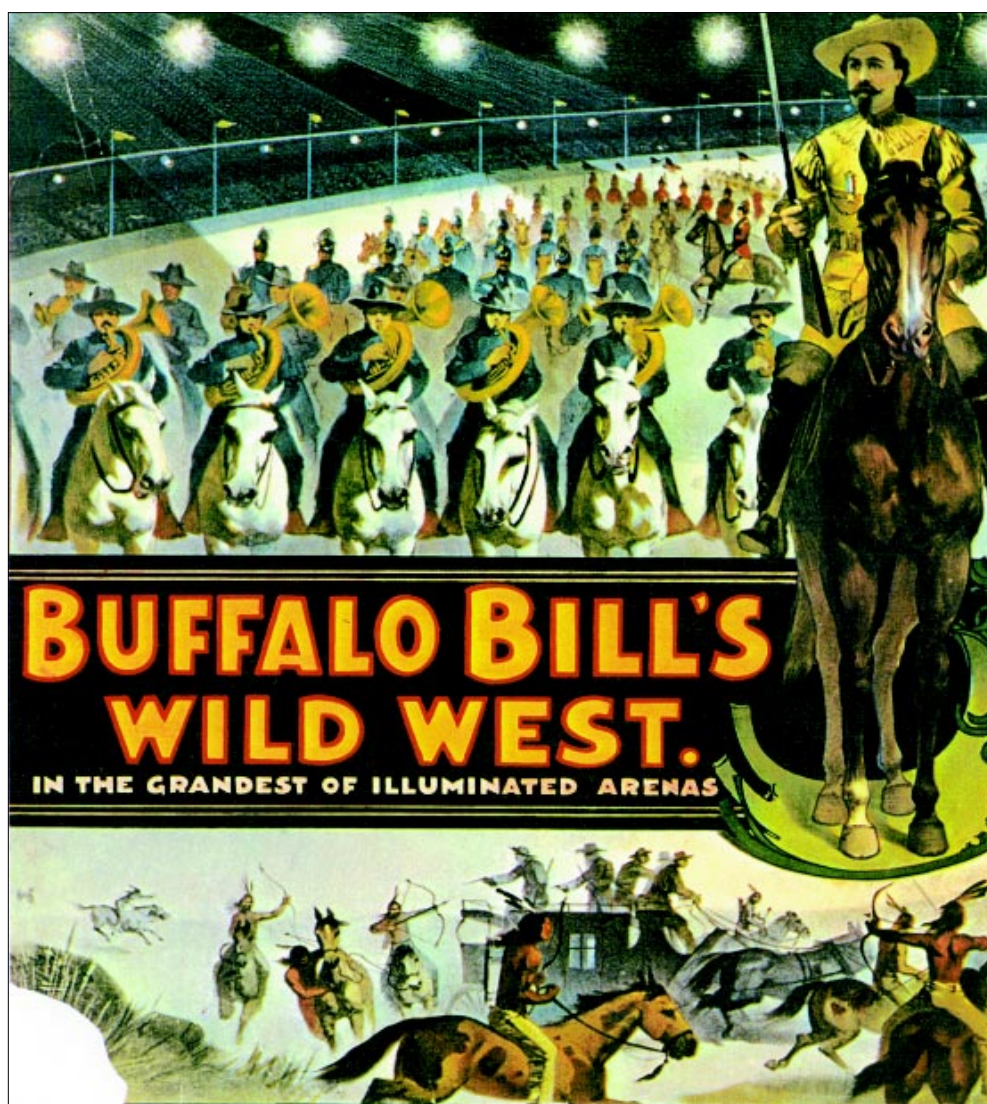
Six years before her father's death, Phoebe Ann Moses was born on August 13, 1860 in Darke County's Patterson Township. The fifth daughter of Quaker parents who had migrated from Pennsylvania, she learned to use her father's old Kentucky rifle out of necessity. At an early age, she developed a

reputation as one of Ohio's greatest hunters by shooting game for profit to help support her family. Her fame grew during an 1876 marksmanship contest in Cincinnati where she defeated her future husband Frank Butler, a champion marksman.

Taking the stage name Oakley from a Cincinnati suburb by the same name, the five-foot-tall sharpshooter first developed her show business act in 1880 with the Four-Paw and Sells Brothers Circus. Among her early routines involved shooting a cigarette from her husband's lips. She became forever known by the nickname "Little Sure Shot," a moniker bestowed upon her by Sioux chief Sitting Bull who had adopted her into his tribe in 1882.

Her legacy as the greatest markswoman in American history was established during the 17 years she starred in Col. William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West Show. She dazzled the crown heads of Europe with her remarkable talent as a 'dead shot.' Her most famous performance during the 17-month European tour was shooting a cigarette from the lips of Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany.

One of her signature acts involved shooting a dime tossed in midair from 90 feet. She wowed audiences by shooting a dozen holes in the thin edge of a card, from a deck of playing cards, before it hit the ground. She debunked the old saying "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" by shooting apples off the top of her pet dog's head. One of her favorite tricks was firing three double-barrel shotguns, while laying on her back, to shatter six colored glass balls thrown simultaneously into the air. Another popular crowd pleaser was hitting targets behind her by tracking them through the reflection in a hand-held Bowie knife used as a mirror. Most remarkable of all her feats was using a series of .22-caliber rifles



Courtesy photo

An 1884 Wild West Show advertisement for a Chicago tour. Annie Oakley and husband Frank Butler joined the show that year.

to hit 4,472 out of 5,000 glass balls tossed in the air during one performance.

Family friend Thomas Edison captured Oakley's performances on film that were later used in early 20th century entertainment venues known as nickelodeons.

The fiercely independent but shy Oakley twice offered her services as a sharpshooter when America was at war. During the Spanish-American War she wrote President William McKinley a letter in which she offered to form a company of 50 lady sharpshooters. She made that same offer during World War I. She and her husband also volunteered to teach American soldiers marksmanship skills.

Partially paralyzed as a result of a train wreck in 1901, she was nearly killed in an automobile accident in 1922. Nevertheless, her talent as a gifted 'sure-shot' did not significantly diminish with infirmity or advancing age. At age 62, she won a Pinehurst, N.C. trapshooting contest by hitting all 100 clay targets from nearly 50 feet.

Annie Oakley died on Nov. 3, 1926 near her home in Greenville, Ohio. Her husband and Wild West Show partner died 18 days later. The cause of her death was originally attributed to pernicious anemia. A 2004 A&E Biography magazine article suggests that she

may have actually died from the long-term effects of lead poisoning from handling, what historians believe, was over one million rounds of ammunition during her career.

While the actual cause of her death continues to be debated, there is no debate within the Washler clan that Annie Oakley was someone who they're proud to call family.



Photo by Rudy Purificato

SPO engineer Al Washler is kin to Annie Oakley.



Courtesy photo

Marksmen Johnny Baker was one of Annie Oakley's rivals during performances at Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.



National Photo Exhibit on display at the UTSA art gallery

SAN ANTONIO — Open for eight weeks in the Durango Building Art Gallery in the Downtown Campus of The University of Texas at San Antonio, more than 60 unforgettable images of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces are on display as part of “A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces” National Tribute Tour. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibit is at UTSA from June 22 through Aug. 18.

“The Boeing Company is pleased to give the American public a glimpse into the gallantry and grace that the men and women in the Armed Forces exhibit daily in routine and extraordinary ways,” said Dennis Stuart, Boeing Site Leader in San Antonio. “The unselfish acts of these individuals are captured in this stirring exhibit.”

The pictures were selected from more than 300 photographs featured in the book “A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces” produced by EpiCom Media and published by HarperCollins Publishers. The Boeing Company is the exclusive underwriter of both the book and the traveling photo tour, which is going to nearly two-dozen military bases and numerous cities across the nation.

The photographs in the exhibit were captured over a single 24-hour period — October 22, 2002 — by 125 leading civilian and military photographers, who fanned out across the globe to capture an ordinary day in the lives of the men and women who protect America’s freedom. The result is an extraordinary pictorial documentary

that records the daily sacrifices, integrity and commitment of members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The photographs depict men and women in remote outposts and strategic bases; in the cockpit of fighter jets and on Trident submarines; patrolling borders, going about their daily routines and saying “good-bye.” This extraordinary show includes photographs taken at several locations in Texas, including Fort Bliss, the SERE school at Lackland Air Force Base and Coast Guard helicopter patrols over Houston. The exhibit also includes images by award-winning photographers local to the San Antonio area, including Dirck Halstead of Time magazine, Don Winslow of the National Press Photographers Association, and military photographers Staff Sgt. Jeff Allen, Master Sgt. Lance Cheung and Tech. Sgt. Efrain Gonzales.

“The photos are a moving visual reminder of the routine and heroic operations, the courage and dedication that are required to defend America 24 hours a day, 365 days a year,” said Matthew Naythons, president of EpiCom Media and co-producer of the project. “This tour celebrates the work of the brave men and women that serve our country everyday.”

The Boeing Company is the world’s leading aerospace company, with its heritage mirroring the history of flight. It is the largest manufacturer of military aircraft, commercial jetliners, and satellites. The company is also a global market leader

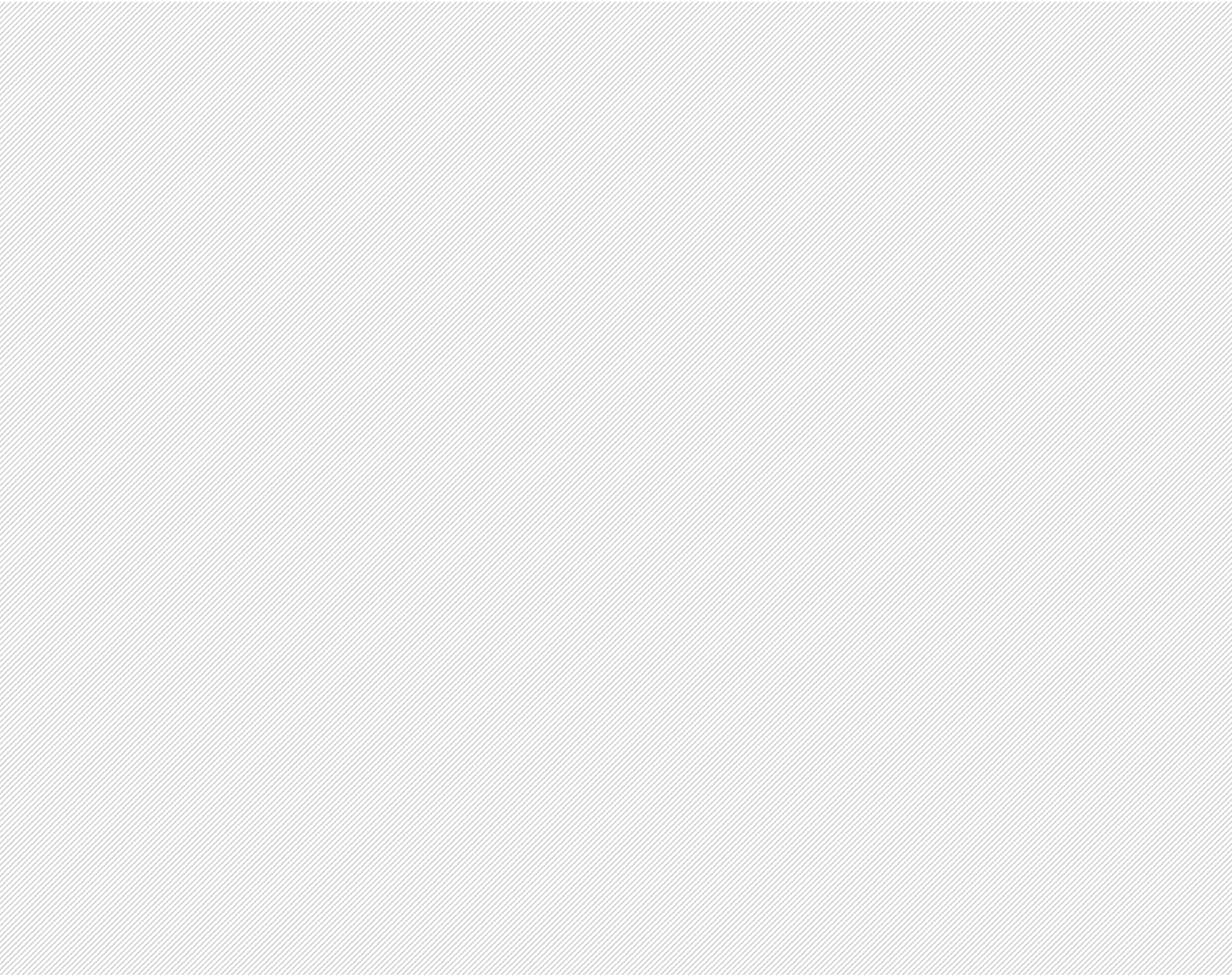
in missile defense, human space flight, and launch services. Chicago-based Boeing has an extensive global reach with customers in 145 countries. BASC-SA, established in 1998 at the site of the former San Antonio Air Logistics Center at Kelly Air Force Base, has grown rapidly in its five years of operation. It brings the full spectrum of innovative tools, systems and relationships to bear on mission readiness for wide-body, military aircraft. BASC-SA offers fast cycle time and affordable aircraft services and is one of the largest maintenance and modification centers in Boeing. Aircraft supported at the facility include the C-17, KC-135, KC-10, and beginning next year, the C-130.

The premier institution of higher education in South Texas, UTSA provides access to educational experiences through teaching and learning, discovery and research, and community service. Regarded for its excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, UTSA is committed to the betterment of its students, the community and the world in which we live.

The UTSA Downtown Campus Art Gallery is located in the Durango Building at 501 W. Durango Blvd. in San Antonio. The gallery is open to students and the public Monday-Friday from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. For general information on the UTSA Downtown Art Gallery, call 210-458-2816 or visit www.utsa.edu/dtcamp.

For more information on the exhibit and book, please visit www.daymilitary.com.

Don’t drink and drive; always designate a driver





Rugby player selected to Combined Services tour

HEIDELBERG, Germany — A Brooks rugby player has been selected to participate in a five-nation European tour July 3-18 as a member of the United States Combined Services Men's Rugby Team.

1st Lt. Matt Clugston, assigned to the Air Force Medical Support Agency at Brooks City-Base, has been invited to participate in this year's tour. Lieutenant Clugston has played rugby for eight years and has been

selected to the All-Air Force team twice. This will be his first tour with the Combined Services team.

The tour will start and end in Germany, and will include stops in The Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic and France. The trip marks the 10th bi-annual tour in the history of the Combined Services program.

The Combined Services Team consists of players from all five branches of the service who have

been invited to play based on their performance and potential as members of their respective service select side teams. The Combined Services program provides an avenue for military players to compete for selection to the United States Men's National Rugby Team.

The players selected for this tour have shown commitment to becoming the best rugby players in the U.S. military. The honor of representing

the military services in competition against some of the best rugby players in the world is not easily obtained, and the privilege of participation in these competitive events reflects greatly upon the invited personnel and their commands.

For more information about the tour, contact Staff Sgt. Dominic Budzisz at 01-149-620-280-5122, DSN 379-5122, or email budziszdj@266fc.heidelberg.army.mil.

Tobacco use, possession terminated in technical training

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Tobacco use and possession are no longer allowed for nonprior-service technical training students at any time while on base or in uniform.

The change is included in Air Education and Training Command Instruction 36-2216, "Administration of Military Standards and Discipline Training," published June 16.

The policy states that Airmen will only be allowed to use tobacco if they are off base and out of uniform. Before the policy change, students could use tobacco products on base after duty hours, provided they were out of uniform and had reached at least Phase III of the enlisted phase program.

Buying tobacco products has also become more challenging. Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials are supporting the command's initiative by removing tobacco products from shoppettes located in designated technical

training areas. Student troop stores at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Keesler AFB, Miss.; and Sheppard AFB, Texas, have removed these products.

Smoking costs the Air Force more than \$1 billion each year in health care and lost productivity, according to a report published in 2000 by the Air Force Medical Operations Agency's office for prevention and health services assessment.

"Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States," the report states.

Even though Airmen must quit using tobacco before entering basic military training, studies have found 82 percent of those who quit returned to tobacco use after graduation. Most return within the first month of technical training, said Lt. Col. Alan Peterson, psychology flight commander from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB.

Another 7 percent of Airmen entering technical training who have "never had a puff in their lives" pick up the habit within their first year on active duty, said Col. Russell Eggert, AETC health promotion branch chief.

"More people are leaving technical training as tobacco users than those who enter (basic training)," he said. "It's very difficult once people are addicted to nicotine to get them to quit. We want to prevent them from ever starting."

Colonel Eggert said he hopes the change will translate into fewer people starting down the road.

"Research suggests most people who use tobacco start in adolescence or early adulthood," he said. "The longer folks hold off, the less likely they are to ever start."

The instruction does not apply to students attending Inter American Air Forces Academy or Defense Language Institute English Language Center, both at Lackland AFB.

Pick up a brush, volunteer for Graffiti Wipeout! Day

SAN ANTONIO — Citizens of San Antonio tired of seeing graffiti are asked to pick up a brush and do something about it. On Saturday, they will have that opportunity at the City's Second Annual Graffiti Wipeout! Day.

Individual citizens, neighborhood groups and corporate organizations are encouraged to join City Councilmembers, City employees and volunteers from partner agencies to paint over graffiti on dozens of public and private sites across the city. Paint and supplies will be provided for volunteers. Graffiti Wipeout! Day begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. with a free lunch, entertainment and door prizes at Mateo Camargo Park.

Last year, more than 300 volunteers, primarily City employees, participated in the first Graffiti Wipeout! Day. More than 60,000 square feet of public property, including community centers, bridges, sidewalks and other public facilities, were painted over by volunteers. This year, the City hopes to double the number of volunteers.

Citizens and groups interested in volunteering for Graffiti Wipeout!

Day should call the office of their City Councilperson or call 311 to reach their Council office. They also can sign up online at www.sanantonio.gov/graffiti. Volunteers can participate in projects in their district or in projects city-wide.

Donations of paint, brushes and rollers also are needed to complete projects associated with Graffiti Wipeout! Day. Donations can be made by individuals or businesses by calling the City Council office in their area.

It is estimated that graffiti and its removal costs local taxpayers more than \$500,000 a year. Through the Graffiti Wipeout! program, the City, County, City Public Service, San Antonio Water System, VIA, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Keep San Antonio Beautiful are combining and coordinating resources to reduce and remove graffiti on public property in parks, along designated street corridors, on highway overpasses, on bus stops, on utilities and on other public facilities. Most agencies rely on graffiti abatement crews as well as volunteers and adult and juvenile restitution workers to remove or paint over graffiti on their properties.

Residents are encouraged to play an active role in reducing graffiti. They can access www.sanantonio.gov/graffiti to learn more about Graffiti Wipeout! Day and what they can do to help reduce this form of vandalism.

USO, Traveler's Blessing provide deploying soldiers a touch of home

SAN ANTONIO — The USO San Antonio and A Traveler's Blessing have collaborated to help provide local service men and women deploying on active duty with 5,000 travel comfort kits, valued at \$150,000. Each kit contains a pair of warm socks, an eye mask to block the light, ear plugs, unscented lotion with an assortment of aromatherapy oils, a breathing mask, a water spray, moistened towlettes, mints, and tissues, all packaged together in a small flat binder. Maya Royberg, of A Traveler's Blessing, said, "travel under the best of circumstances is difficult and these little luxuries will give our soldiers a chance to shut out the world and just relax."

The two groups are asking for a donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of the packages, with \$5 of each package going directly to the San Antonio USO to help continue and support the valuable programs in place for the local service men, women and their families. Those wishing to donate are also encouraged to provide a personal note of support which will be included in your care package before it is sent out.

Those interested in supporting the Alamo area USO and our local service men and women by donating should contact the USO at 227-9373. Letters to be included with your care package donation should be mailed to the USO at 420 East Commerce, San Antonio, TX 78205. Letters can also be mailed to A Traveler's Blessing at 315 North Park Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216, or email it to them at: mroyberg@atravelersblessing.com and they'll print it out.

Each year the USO serves more than 104,800 military personnel all across the United States by providing all branches of our military with assistance, from family support to entertainment. The USO Council of San Antonio and central Texas is a non-profit organization dependant on the generosity of United Way/CFC campaigns, individual, civic and corporate donations. To find out more information about donating to your USO, visit www.alamouso.org.

For more information, contact Jamie Graybeal at 496-9594 or email Jamie_mktplus@sbcglobal.net.

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Human Effectiveness Directorate donates high technology equipment to the University of Texas

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The Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate has paved the academic road for engineering students at the University of Texas, Pan American, giving them an academic advantage over other universities. The directorate recently donated rapid prototyping equipment to the School of Engineering.

Representatives from industry, economic development and academia gathered at UTPA on May 27 to see first hand the high technology equipment. Formerly used in the Directorate's Biosciences and Protection Division at Brooks City-Base in

San Antonio, Texas to design customized oxygen masks, the equipment is valued at \$375,000. The collaboration with the university represents a goal of HE Director, Dr. Hendrick Ruck, to educate young scientists and engineers with high technology in preparation for potential careers with the Air Force.

Dr. Ruck said the directorate, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio is pleased to donate equipment that is no longer needed by the Air Force. "This very impressive and high technology equipment was formerly used by the Air Force for a very special project," he said. "Now that we have completed that project, we are more than happy to donate this to the university." The directorate donated the

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Dr. Hendrick Ruck
Human Effectiveness Director

equipment through an Education Partnership Agreement which allows it to assist the university in developing academic programs around the technology. Dr. Ruck explained that using rapid prototyping to design prod-

ucts which can be brought to market quickly is a clear advantage. With this new equipment students will be able to see an actual product generated from three-dimensional, computer-assisted designs.

U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, thanked the directorate for the generous donation. "We are so grateful to the Human Effectiveness Directorate," he said. "Your donation will be instrumental in enhancing this laboratory and our programs for higher education. This is indeed a momentous occasion."

The HE Directorate also has an operating site at Mesa Research Site, Mesa, Ariz. For more information, contact Elaine Ingram, Senior Communications Specialist, HEOR, at (937) 255-2423, ext. 206.

Remembering Flag Day

WASHINGTON — For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's unity, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. Here are the highlights of its unique history.

- Flag history:
- On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress passed an Act to establish an official flag for the new nation. The resolution ordered that "the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." On August 3, 1949, President Truman commemorated the occasion by officially declaring June 14 as Flag Day.
 - While no one knows the exact origin of the first American flag, some historians believe it was designed by Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross.
 - Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.
 - Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.
 - The National Museum of American History has undertaken a long-term conservation project of the enormous 1814 garrison flag that survived the 25-hour shelling of Ft. McHenry in Baltimore by British troops. This flag inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star-Spangled Banner." The flag had become soiled

and weakened over time and was removed from the Museum in December 1998. Conservation efforts began in June 1999, starting with the removal of the linen support backing that was sewn into place in 1914 using 1.7 million stitches. Painstaking steps must be taken to preserve the flag, including pH readings to measure the levels of acid or base in the fabric color readings to analyze dyes in the fabric and fiber analysis through microscopic examination. A thorough vacuuming of all surfaces and large-format photographing of every section of the flag to benchmark its condition must also occur before conservation measures are



- undertaken.
- An inspiration to all:
- Amateur poet Francis Scott Key was so inspired by the sight of the American flag still flying over Baltimore's Fort McHenry after a British bombardment that he wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner" on September 14, 1814. It officially became our national anthem in 1931.
 - In 1892, the flag inspired James B. Upham and Francis Bellamy to write the "Pledge of Allegiance." It was first published in a magazine called "The Youth's Companion."
 - Traveling far and wide:
 - In 1909 Robert Peary placed a flag, sewn by his wife, at the North Pole. He also left pieces

- of another flag along the way. It is the only time a person has been honored for cutting the flag.
- In 1963, Barry Bishop placed the flag on top of Mount Everest.
 - In July 1969 the American flag was "flown" in space when Neil Armstrong placed it on the moon.
 - The first time the American flag was flown overseas on a foreign fort was in Libya, over Fort Derne, on the shores of Tripoli in 1805.
- Display it with pride:
- The flag is usually displayed from sunrise to sunset. It should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously. In inclement weather, the flag should not be flown.
 - The flag should be displayed daily and on all holidays, weather permitting, on or near the main administration buildings of all public institutions. It should also be displayed in or near every polling place on election days and in or near every schoolhouse during school days.
 - When displayed against a wall or a window, the blue field should be uppermost and to the left of the observer.
 - When the flag is raised or lowered as part of a ceremony as it passes by in parade or review, everyone, except those in uniform, should face the flag with the right hand over the heart.
 - The U.S. Flag should never be dipped toward any person or object, nor should the flag ever touch anything beneath it.
- The U.S. flag is flown 24 hours a day by either Presidential proclamation or law at the following places:
- Fort McHenry, National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, Md.
 - Flag House Square, Baltimore
 - United States Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), Arlington, Va.
 - On the Green of the Town of Lexington, Mass.
 - The White House, Washington, DC
 - United States Customs Ports of Entry
 - Grounds of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pa.

Click it or ticket.

Buckle up this holiday weekend, it's the law.